

The Crime Solvers

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- 1 When she felt the buzzer gently vibrating on her wrist, Lily put her hand up and asked to be excused from the lesson. Monsieur le Roux was displeased at the interruption but reluctantly gave his permission. Lily left the room swiftly and made her way to the nearest quiet place.
- 5 “What?” she whispered to her watch, trying not to inhale too deeply. The cleaning fluids on the shelves around her mingled with the musty aroma from the damp mops.
- 8 “It’s Nick,” said her watch. “Ahmed cracked the code in the message we found. It’s definitely tonight. We think they’re going to try to rob the jewellers. But we don’t know who and we don’t know how.”
- 11 “I’m on my way,” said Lily. Minutes later, she left the building via the basement so no-one would ask what she thought she was doing.
- 13 Back at headquarters, Lily looked at the message that Ahmed had decoded. “Alright,” she said. “We may not know how or who, so let’s think about what we *do* know.”
- 16 “Well,” Nick screwed up his face as he tried to remember everything he had found now. “Tonight is their annual party. When I say ‘party’, I expect it’s lots of overweight old men in suits standing around and being polite to each other.” He made a face. “But that means that the jeweller’s doors will be open and no-matter how good the doormen are, when it gets busy, they can’t always see who’s squirming in around the edge of a crowd.”
- 22 “Excellent.” announced Lily. “If the robbers can get in that way, then so can we. And if we’re caught, we’ll say we were testing their security.”
- 24 Ahmed gulped and nodded. He preferred to solve problems sitting at his computer. But if he was needed at the jeweller’s he’d be there. He wouldn’t let his team down.
- 27 “What else do we know?” asked Lily, turning to face him.
- 28 “They’ve had a suspicious visitor,” he offered. “I sneaked a look at their CCTV recordings earlier. There was a customer wearing a long black coat roaming around the stockroom. That’s odd in itself. But the visitor was particularly odd. He kept limping for a bit, then he’d walk normally, then he’d start limping again.”
- 33 “Perhaps he only limps when his leg gets tired,” suggested Lily.
- 34 “Yes, but that wouldn’t explain why his limp swapped legs,” replied Ahmed. “Anyway, not only did he have this strange limp, but he wore a hat with a very wide brim and whenever he was in sight of a camera, he looked down. His face was never caught on camera.”

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1 In the second paragraph, the word “*inhale*” is closest in meaning to which of the following? Tick **one**.

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| sniff <input type="checkbox"/> | breathe in <input type="checkbox"/> |
| sneeze <input type="checkbox"/> | feel sick <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 Where was Lily at the beginning of the extract?

3 In the paragraph beginning “*Well, Nick screwed up his face.....*”, what impression do the words “*When I say party*” give?

4 In the paragraph beginning “*They’ve had a mysterious visitor ...*”, what does Ahmed’s use of the word “*sneaked*” tell you?

5 Number the events to show the order in which they happened.

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| Ahmed told Lily about the mysterious visitor. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ahmed cracked the code. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lily arrived at HQ. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nick contacted Lily. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

6 How did Ahmed feel about going to the jewellers?

7 Why did Ahmed think the customer in the long black coat was suspicious? Give **two** reasons, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

8 What do you think Lily plans to do at the bank?

9 Tick **one** box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Lily is a teacher.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nick had found out about the party at the jewellers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lily was worried they might be caught.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ahmed is good at working computers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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